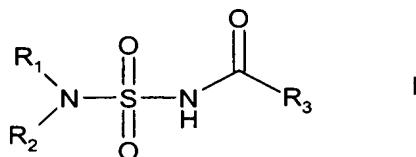


**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1. (Original) A compound of formula



wherein either

- $\text{R}_1$  and  $\text{R}_2$  together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached are piperazinyl, wherein the second nitrogen atom is substituted by ( $\text{C}_{1-6}$ )alkoxycarbonyl or by ( $\text{C}_{6-18}$ )aryl, which ( $\text{C}_{6-18}$ )aryl is substituted by one or more halogen, ( $\text{C}_{1-6}$ )haloalkyl, e.g.  $\text{CF}_3$ , aminocarbonyl,

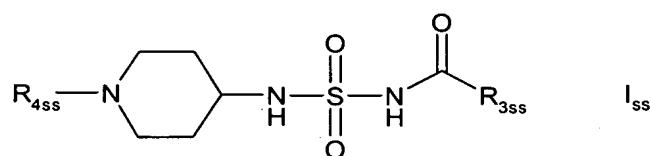
or

- $\text{R}_1$  is hydrogen and  $\text{R}_2$  is piperidinyl, attached via a carbon atom of the piperidinyl ring, wherein the nitrogen atom is substituted by ( $\text{C}_{1-6}$ )alkoxycarbonyl or by ( $\text{C}_{6-18}$ )aryl,

and

$\text{R}_3$  is ( $\text{C}_{6-18}$ )aryl or ( $\text{C}_{6-18}$ )aryl( $\text{C}_{1-4}$ )alkyl, which aryl is substituted by one or more halogen, aminocarbonyl, or ( $\text{C}_{1-6}$ )haloalkyl.

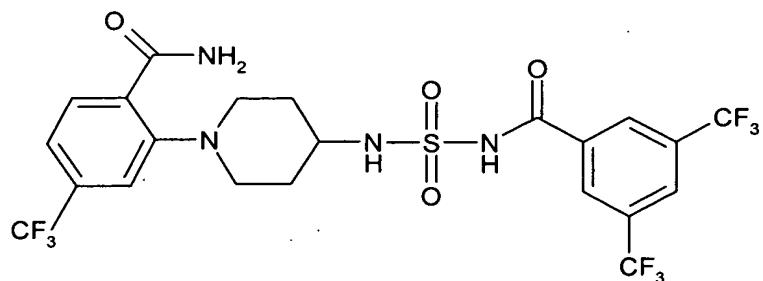
Claim 2. (Original) A compound of claim 1 selected from the group consisting of compounds of formula



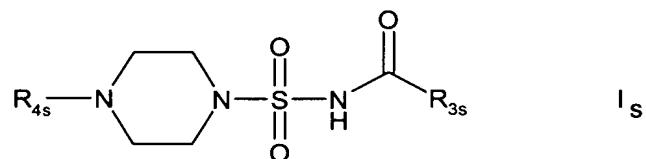
wherein

- a.  $\text{R}_{3ss}$  is 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl and  $\text{R}_{4ss}$  is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl,
- b.  $\text{R}_{3ss}$  is 2,3-dichlorophenyl,  $\text{R}_{4ss}$  is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl,
- c.  $\text{R}_{3ss}$  is 3,5-dichlorophenyl  $\text{R}_{4ss}$  is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl, and
- d.  $\text{R}_{3ss}$  is 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl and  $\text{R}_{4ss}$  is tert.butoxycarbonyl.

Claim 3. (Currently amended) A compound of ~~any one of~~ claims 1 or 2 which is a compound of formula



Claim 4. (Original) A compound of claim 1 selected from the group consisting of compounds of formula



wherein

- a. R<sub>3s</sub> is 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl and R<sub>4s</sub> is tert.butoxycarbonyl,
- b. R<sub>3s</sub> is 2,3-dichlorophenyl and R<sub>4s</sub> is tert.butoxycarbonyl,
- c. R<sub>3s</sub> is 3,5-dichlorophenyl and R<sub>4s</sub> is tert.butoxycarbonyl,
- d. R<sub>3s</sub> is 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl and R<sub>4s</sub> is benzyloxycarbonyl,
- e. R<sub>3s</sub> is 2,3-dichlorophenyl and R<sub>4s</sub> is benzyloxycarbonyl,
- f. R<sub>3s</sub> is 3,5-dichlorophenyl and R<sub>4s</sub> is benzyloxycarbonyl,
- g. R<sub>3s</sub> is 3,5-dichlorophenyl and R<sub>4s</sub> is benzyloxycarbonyl,
- h. R<sub>3s</sub> is 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl and R<sub>4s</sub> is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl,
- i. R<sub>3s</sub> is 3,5-dichlorophenyl and R<sub>4s</sub> is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl,
- j. R<sub>3s</sub> is 2,3-dichlorophenyl and R<sub>4s</sub> is 2-aminocarbonyl-5-trifluoromethylphenyl, and
- k. R<sub>3s</sub> is 2-(3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl)ethyl and R<sub>4s</sub> is tert.butoxycarbonyl.

Claim 5. (Currently amended) A compound of ~~any one of~~ claims 1 to 4 in the form of a salt.

Claim 6. (Currently amended) Use of a compound of ~~any one of~~ claims 1 to 5 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of disorders mediated by the action of steroid sulfatase.

Claim 7. (Currently amended) A compound of ~~any one of~~ claims 1 to 5 for use as a pharmaceutical.

Claim 8. (Currently amended) A method of treatment of disorders mediated by the action of steroid sulfatase which treatment comprises administering to a subject in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of ~~any one of claims 1-to-5~~.

Claim 9. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of ~~any one of claims 1-to-5~~ in association with at least one pharmaceutical excipient.

Claim 10. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 9, further comprising another pharmaceutically active agent.